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INTER-KOREAN AFFAIRS

REUNIFICATION GROUP SCORES ROK 'CAMPUS SUPPRESSION'

Pyongyang KCNA in English 0846 GMT 2 Sep 79 SK

[Text] Pyongyang, 2 Sep (KCNA) -- The Secretariat of the Committee for the Peaceful Reunification of the Fatherland issued Information No. 120 on September 1 denouncing the South Korean fascist clique for its ever more vicious suppression of progressing students on the threshold of a new school term at the colleges and universities.

The information pointed out that recently the South Korean puppet clique unreasonably expelled or punished 419 students at the Seoul University and inflicted unjustified punishments, such as, expulsion, confinement to home and warning upon nearly 2,000 students of other colleges and universities in Seoul on the untenable pretexts that "they did bad at school" or "boycotted military drill." Such suppression is a planned reactionary offensive aimed to stamp out the student movement by expelling and punishing progressive students, the information noted.

Saying that of late anti-"government" sentiments are sharply rising in South Korea, occasioned by the struggle of the woman workers of the Y.H. Trading Company for the right to existence, the information remarked: As it is evident that the students with a strong sense of justice will join in the struggle when the new school term begins, the puppet clique kicked up this repressive racket to prevent it.

Bitterly castigating the traitorous Pak Chong-hui clique's campus suppression, the information held that the South Korean rulers must put an end to all their suppression of campuses, unconditionally reinstate the unreasonably punished students and fully guarantee campus freedom.

S. KOREA/POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT

NDP LEADER COMMENTS ON PEOPLE'S ATTITUDE TOWARD GOVERNMENT

Kim's Remarks

Seoul HAPTONG in English 0252 GMT 4 Sep 79 SK

[Text] Pusan, 4 Sep (HAPTONG)--Opposition leader Kim Yong-sam said today the public's feelings toward the government are being disturbed because of its "protracted rule, economic failures, and corruptions."

"The regime of the Democratic Republican Party (DRP) is earnestly advised to regain conscience and reflect on itself from now on," the president of the New Democratic Party (NDP) told a press conference here.

Kim warned an unfortunate situation would be forthcoming if the government pays no heed to his advice under an illusion that power could settle all things.

He also charged that no one from the ruling camp offers an apology to the people for the Y.H. incident even though nearly a month has elapsed since it happened.

Kim came here on his way to visit the flood-stricken areas in southern provinces.

DRP Scores Remarks

Seoul HAPTONG in English 0834 GMT 4 Sep 79 SK

[Text] Seoul, 4 Sep (HAPTONG) -- The ruling Democratic Republican Party (DRP) today charged opposition leader Kim Yong-sam's remarks in Pusan were nothing but a mere repetition of his "irresponsible" statement of stale contents hardly worthy of being commented.

The president of the opposition New Democratic Party (NDP) in a press conference in the southern port city today said the people's feelings toward the government are being disturbed because of its "protracted rule, economic failures and corruption."

He also charged that no one from the ruling camp offers an apology to the people for the Y.H. incident even though nearly a month has passed since it happened.

DRP's sister floor group Yuhonghoe in a similar statement described Kim's remarks as "a soliloguy filled with stereotyped agitations and consistent in negative logic."

Kim was urged to correct himself for his "moral defects" shown in his irrational remarks that would undermine the people's endeavor to recover from flood damages, it said.

S. KOREA/POLITICS AND COVERNMENT

SEOUL COURT ENDS REVIEW OF SUIT AGAINST NDP LEADER

Seoul HAPTONG in English 0846 GMT 1 Sep 79 SK

[Text] Seoul, 1 Sep (HAPTONG) -- The Seoul District Civil Court, handled a legal motion filed by three former members of the New Democratic Party (NDP) seeking an injunction to suspend the competence and authority of Kim Yong-sam as the opposition party president, ended its review on the case today.

A three-member panel presided over by Chief Judge Cho U concluded its review on the case after hearing statements by three witnesses put up both by the complainants and the defendant and receiving six more data explaining their respective positions.

A ruling on the case is expected to be notified to both parties in one to two weeks.

The suit filed early this month alleges that Kim and his four vice presidents cannot legally represent the party since some of the delegates to the NDP National Convention who participated in the election of the party head have been found disqualified.

A defense witness said at todays session, the third and last that took one and half hours, that if the verdict comes out in favor of the complainants, the major opposition party would surely be plunged into a serious situation with the party likely to be "paralysed."

The complainants asked the panel to name Rep. Chong Un-kap, chairman of the NDP National Convention, or other figure as the acting NDP head on the assumption of the acceptance by the court of their case.

The panel in turn asked the defense side if it would recommend its choice but the latter said it would respond to it in writing later.

The defense side, noting that the NDP leadership could suffer irreparably if the court rules in favor of the complainants, said it would ask the panel to have the other side bring a formal suit against it.

S. KOREA/POLITICS AND COVERNMENT

BRIEFS

MINISTER'S WARNING TO CLERGYMEN-Seoul, 5 Sep (HAPTONG) -- Culture and Information Minister Kim Song-chin has cautioned some segment of clergymen against breaking the law in the guise of conducting missionary work. "The government will draw an exact line between the devoted and pure missionary activities by the absolute majority of Christian ministers and the unlawful acts by a handful of ministers agitating workers to violate domestic laws on the pretext of carrying out industrial missions," Minister Kim said Tuesday afternoon. In an address delivered at monthly meeting hosted by a Korean Christian leadership association, Kim, however, assured that the freedom of religion will be strictly ensured as in the past. He said the government feel no necessity to enact a law to regulate missionary activities as long as the clergy observes all the laws concerned. If a religion engaged in activities other than spreading gospels to those poor in mind [as received], it would be reduced to political activities, which could hardly go without being in conflict with the laws concerned, he said. [Text] [Seoul HAPTONG in English 0252 GMT 5 Sep 79 SK)

MEETING OF CHRISTIANS--Seoul, 5 Sep (HAPTONG) -- Some 1,000 Christians held a rally here today to condemn what they called communist infiltration into the Christian society in Korea. The rally organized by the Korean Christian Association for the Extermination of Communism appealed to all Christians across the country to do their best in clearing the church of communist infiltration. Association leader Rev. Pak Pyong-hoon, saying communism has infiltrated into the World Council of Churches (WCC) and other organizations under its control, called on all the denominations affiliated with the WCC to break away from it for the sake of national security based on anti-communism. In a nine-point resolution adopted at the meeting, the attendants charged the urban industrial mission with resorting to communistic revolutionary tactics in its activities and demanded that the controversial mission put an end to its "disguised activities" designed to foment a social revolution and devote itself to its primary mission of spreading gospel for the workers. They called on the six Korean denominations affiliated with the WCC to leave the body and dissolve the Korean National Council of Churches (KNCC) grouping the six. [Text] [Seoul HAPTONG in English 0824 GMT 5 Sep 79 SK]

'KYODO' REPORTS STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS—Seoul, 6 Sep (KYODO)—Police Tuesday seized some 40 students in Taegu City in southern South Korea after fierce clashes with the students in anti-government demonstrations, an authoritative Korean source disclosed Thursday. After demonstrations on three iniversity campuses there, some students staged anti-government street demonstrations and clashed with riot police. The students hurled stones and the police fired tear gas. Many were injured on both sides in the bloody melee, the source said. Of the 40 seized students, about 10 were put in police custody, the source said. A source in the Korean opposition camp said 80 students were seized and about 100 students were injured. Sources said that law enforcement authorities fear the incident in Taegu City may touch off similar student actions in Seoul. [Text] [Tokyo KYODO in English 0126 GMT 6 Sep 79 0W]

OPPOSITION PARTY PAPER--Seoul, 6 Sep (HAPTONG)--Korea's main opposition New Democratic Party (NDP) accused the government Wednesday of impounding again copies of the party organ DEMOCRATIC FRONT simply because it contained articles on the so-called Y.H. incident. Yu Han-yol, NDP deputy secretary-general, in a statement said that about 500 copies of the party newspaper were confiscated along with its copper plate by police which visited the party office Wednesday afternoon. The NDP official demanded of an immediate halt to what he termed as illegal police move and attacked Wednesday's action as tantamount to denial of the party politics and press freedom. It was the second time that the opposition party newspaper, a monthly, has been impounded since the August 11th Y.H. incident which culminated in bi-partisan political clashes. [Text] [Seoul HAPTONG in English 0102 GMT 6 Sep 79 SK]

'KTA'S' ECONOMIC POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS ARE UNRELIABLE: 'KOREA TIMES'

Seoul THE KOREA TIMES in English 8 Aug 79 p 7

[Text]

Suggestions and recommendations lavishly made to the government by local economic organizations almost every day lack consistency, relliability and freshness.

National-scale economic organizations such as the Korean Traders Association (KTA), the Federation of Korean Industries (FKI), the Korea Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI), the Korea Federation of Small Businesses (KFSB) and the Korean Employers' Association (KEA) have issued a total of 275 different suggestions and recommendations to the government during the past seven months, 1.3 items a day on average.

Many economic experts say their suggestions to the government are exclusively for the sake of their own interests, and are sometimes based on false statistics and misled informations.

For example, KTA recently urged the government to reduce the interest rate on bank loans supplied to exporting companies from the current 9 percent to 7 percent (usually for short-term loans whose repayable periods do not exceed six months) on the ground of "international competitive" ness."

The association maintained that the percentages of Korea's major export rivals like Taiwan and Singapore were much lower than those of Korea, which is completely

wrong.

The true figures for Taiwan and Singapore are 9.5 and 11.25, respectively.

KTA, grown too big as a semi-official business conglomerate virtually possessing the Naeway Business Journal, the Korea Herald and a lion's share of Commercial Bank stock along with a huge amount of immovables at home and abroad, has sometimes issued groundless and misleading suggestions.

Government officials also said that another suggestion by KTA delivered to the government around the end of

st month to provide "alling exporting firms" with extra support funds of 100 won per U.S. dollar as a very special export promotion step was not even worth considering.

Some government officials said KTA had been doing a "slapdash job" for all its money and manpower and numerous official favors.

From January through July this year, KTA issued a total of 96 suggestions, recommendations or statements, one every other day on average, all of which have been virtually ignored by the government economic authorities.

KCCI also issued a very "ridiculous" suggestion to the authorities concerned in the middle of last month.

The KCCI's suggestion calling for the government to supply more money for anti-pollu-

tion facilities in industrial plants was an almost word-toword copy of a similar suggestion made a couple of weeks before by the KFSB.

FKI and KEA also issued inconsistent statements on the scheduled introduction of unemployment insurance by the government.

Besides the many suggestions to the economic policy makers of the government, the economic bodies have lost no time in issuing lip-service style pro-government statements whenever the government made public any important statement.

S. KOREA/ECONOMY

ROK HAS UNEXPECTED BUMPER CROP OF BARLEY, WHEAT

Barley, Wheat Output

Seoul THE KOREA TIMES in English 2 Aug 79 p 7

[Text]

The total quantity of barley, wheat and rye to be harvested this year is estimated at 1,555,500 tons, a rise of 12.1 percent over last year and an increase of 12.3 percent over the year's target, it was announced yesterday.

According to the Ministry o. Agriculture and Pisheries, the total sowing acreage of barley, wheat and rye reaches 429,100 hectares with an average production of 318 kg per 0.1 hectare, a rise of 32 percent over last year's 241 kg.

The quantity of wheat harvested was 4,233,100 sok (one sok is 5 bush') while that of barley and rye stood at 304,200 sok and 43,400 sok, respectively, the ministry said.

pectively, the ministry said.

The production this year, despite the 15 percent decrease in the sowing acreage as compared with last year, was mainly attributed to relatively mild temperatures during the past winter with no typhoon damage in addition to timely sowing, the ministry said.

However, a bumper barley crop is not always desirable either for farmers themselves or the concerned authorities as there is no way for them to use the ever-increasing barley stockpiles properly.

The quantity of barley stock held by the government as of the end of June stood at 1.7 million sok, but considering the projected purchase of an additional 4 million sok of barley this year the total reserve will increase to 5.7 million sok.

To make the matters worse the quantity of barley consumption per person in the nation decreased to 18.1 kg last year from 39.6 kg in 1975 and is expected to decline to 17.1 kg this year.

'KOREA TIMES' Editorial

Seoul THE KOREA TIMES in English 3 Aug 79 p 2

[Text] The nation has seen a bumper crop of barley this year, posing an immediate problem for farmers having harvested unexpected amounts of barley to be disposed of at due prices.

According to figures compiled by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, the barley crop amounts to 11,270,000 sok (one sok is about five bushels), indicating a 12.1 percent increase over the previous year.

The barley crop this year also exceeds by 12.3 percent the quantity earlier planned by the government authorities.

Based on the planned quantity of barley harvest this summer, the related authorities have set the amount of barley to be purchased from farmers at 4,000,000 sok.

Then, the bumper crop of barley has undoubtedly brought about confusion in the government's plan to buy barley from farmers, in a design to help maintain due barley prices.

In other words, the related government authorities are now asked to cope with such a bumper crop of barley, so that the ensuing confusion farmers may suffer may be minimized by all possible means.

Because government funds are limited in any sector, we can hardly expect the authorities to be able to boost the barley-purchasing funds to a drastic extent.

Yet the government authorities should do their best to ease the worry among farmers over the excessive amount of this particular grain that should be sold at reasonable prices at the right time.

Unless this is done satisfactorily, barley farmers will have to suffer difficulties which may lead to a real problem in farming communities.

Under such circumstances, the related authorities are urged to map out effective measures as a remedy, along with a far-sighted barley farming policy.

In the first place, it is desirable for the related authorities to try to increase the already set funds for barley purchase from farmers as much as possible, in consideration of the impending problems concerned.

Besides, it may be feasible for the government to buy barley on credit from farmers who can afford it.

At the same time, urban dwellers are asked to launch a campaign to eat more barley, in view of the higher nutritional values contained in it. It is a matter of fact that urban people should feel it obligatory to cooperate with the farming populace by trying to change their dietary habits excessively depending upon rice.

In this way, people residing in cities can help farming people get over their difficulties, which should result in benefiting urban dwellers as well economically.

Aside from these measures, we also recommend that the government promote a farming policy designed to have farmers replace barley with other grains, which are productive economically.

It is understood that the government has suggested that farmers decrease barley farming this year, thus enhancing substitutes to it.

Farmers themselves were said to have sought a 15-percent decrease in the barley farming this summer.

At any rate, a long-range scheme must be sought to boost the economic value of barley farming, with experts to conduct a survey on this matter so as to find fruitful substitute crops for barley in the days to come.

In this connection, scientific studies should be undertaken by mobilizing the necessary manpower concerned in the face of a turning point in barley farming.

S. KOREA/SOCIAL CONDITIONS

SURVEY SHOWS MONTHLY INCOME OF MIDDLE-AGED LESS THAN 300,000 WON

Seoul THE KOREA TIMES in English 11 Aug 79 p 7

[Text]

About 60 percent of urban salaried men more than 40 years of agr nave been found to be living on incomes of less than 300,000 won a month on average and those who had prepared fully for their old age were found to be no more than 6 percent of the total.

According to the Central Committee for Savings Promotion, which surveyed 1,568 government officials, educators, white-collar workers, soliders and journalists aged more than 40 years across the country, their monthly incomes ranging from 200,000 won to 300,000 won topped the list with 32.6 per-

Monthly incomes less than 200,000 won were found to be 27.1 percent, and 8.7 percent expressed views about giving up life in their old age.

Renunciation during their declining years is said to be attributable to high expenditures for children's education

Of monthly earnings, expenses for education accounted for 48.8 percent, and livelihood costs occupied 38.9 percent. Others were 3.4 percent for preparations for offspring's marriage, 3.3 percent for housing funds, 3.2 percent for re-payment of debts, 2.1 percent for life during their old age, and 2.3 percent for others.

About 39.4 percent of the servicemen had prepared for life during their declining years, and next were company

employees (36.6 percent), and public servants, state-run firms' personnel, pressmen and educators (30 percent). About 35.6 percent of them

had subscribed for time installment deposits and 30.9 percent had entered property-formation savings. The others were 7 percent in time deposits of money and 5.6 percent in kye (mutual loan clubs).

The survey also revealed that the deposit target until retirement age was set at 3 million won to 5 million won

on average.

Those who wanted to get jobs after retirement age amounted to 80.9 percent. In this context, the government is urged to study the matter of extending the retirement age and the matter of reemploy-

ment after retirement.
The survey showed mure than 85.4 percent expressed the opinions they did not want to get living money from their children after their retirement.

S. KOREA/POPULATION, CULTURE AND SOCIETY

MINISTRY MOVES CLOSER TO FINALIZING ROMANIZATION SYSTEM

Seoul THE KOREA TIMES in English 1 Sep 79 p 8 SK

[Excerpts] The Education Ministry announced revision of the romanization system yesterday, adopting the principle of romanizing as it is pronounced against the principle of letter by letter transliteration.

The shift, virtually adopting the McCune-Reischauer system, was more appropriate since the romanization was intended for foreigners more than the local people, said the committee entrusted by the ministry with the task of revising language and the writing system of the Korean alphabet.

However, the controversial three Korean consonants "kiyok," "tikot," and "biop" [Korean characters printed here and below] will continue to be romanized "g," "d," and "b" even when they were written at the beginning of words as against "k," "t," and "p" under the M-R system.

[The Seoul KOREA HERALD on 1 September carries a similar article on p 8 which says in part: "As to the decision to stick to the MOE [Ministry of Education] system regarding the romanization of the three letters, member of the deliberation committee pointed out that the M-R system is very difficult for Koreans to use, as it requires using different letters of the English alphabets for one and the same Korean letter depending on the phonetic environment."]

The new revision, which was worked out on the basis of opinion polls the ministry conducted early this year, leave the use of the diacritical mark above "o" and "u" for the romanization of "o" and "u" optional. Under the original revision of the ministry, the use of the mark was mandatory.

The revision of the MDE system was included in a package revision with the concept of the standard Korean words, Korean writing system, and writing foreign words in Korean letters, which was announced yesterday.

The names of places in China will be written in the Korean alphabet as they are pronounced by the Chinese people instead of the way in which the Chinese characters for the names are read by Koreans. Another change is that the "th" sound in the word of "thrill" will be written "siyot" [words omitted].

The ministry said it would finalize the revisions toward the end of this year after hearing more opinions from scholars and the general public.

S. KOREA/FOREIGN RELATIONS

SIXTEEN POLITICAL SCHOLARS TO VISIT USSR

Seoul KOREA TIMES in English 8 Aug 79 p 1

[Text]

A total of 16 Korean professors will leave for the Soviet Union Friday to attend the 11th session of the International Political Science Association to be held at Moscow University Aug. 12-18.

All the delegates are mem-bers of the Korean Political Science Association. The del-egation will be headed by Bark Dong-suh, a political science professor at Seoul National University and concurrently president of the Kore-an association.

The 16-member Korean po-litical science delegation will be the largest academic gro-up to visit the Soviet Union.

In recent years, many Ko-

rean professors have taken part in academic conferences in the Soviet Union. But they have participated as indivi-dual delegates or in small delegations.

According to the association yesterday all the 18 del-egates received visas from the Soviet Emhassy in To-kyo Monday, two days after they applied for them. They plan to fly to Mos-cow after an overnight stay

in Japan.

The Moscow conference is expected to be participated in by around 1,500 delegates from some 100 nations, the association said.

The association explained the representatives from world political science circles would engage in discussions during the week-long session on the themes of peace, development of political science and world political affairs.

The International Political Science Association holds its session in every three years. The 10th session was held in Britain in 1976 with the at-tendance of about 1,000 delegates from 60 nations.

The professors who will par-The professors who will participate in the Moscow meeting include Lee Hong-koo (SNU), Bae Sung-dong (SNU), Chung-Chong-wook (SNU), Lee Yong-pil (SNU), Lee Yong-pil (SNU), Lee Sang-woo (Sogang University), Ahn Byung-joon (Yensel University), and Chol Pyung-pil (Yonsel University).

gil (Yonsel University).

Also listed as Korean delegation are Lee Yong-ho (Z-wha Womans University), Kim Haeng-ja (Ewho Womans University), Rah Chong-il (Kyunghee University), Lee Seung-hum (Konkuk University), Cho Kyu-wha (Hankook University of Foreign Studies), Lee Kyong-sook (Sookmyung Lee Kyong-sook (Sookmyung Women's University), Moon Seung-ik (Chungang Univer-sity), and Kim Se-jin, director general for research at the Institute of Foreign Affairs and National Security.

S. KOREA/POREIGN RELATIONS

BRIEFS

YOUTH SOCCER TOURNAMENT-Seoul, 6 Sep (HAPTONG) -- South Korea was officially asked by the International Football Association (FIFA) to host the 21st Asian Youth Soccer Tournament following China's renunciation of its ponsorship, a ranking Korean football official reported today. Choe Sun-yong, president of the Korea Football Association (KFA), upon his return from his Tokyo talks with FIFA President Havelange told reporters that the FIFA president suggested this at a meeting with Choe Wednesday. Havelange, who visited Peking last week, confirmed China's decision not to host the youth soccer tournament. Choe said, adding that FIFA made the suggestion on the condition that China would be invited to Seoul if Korea decided to host the tournament. Choe said he avoided making any immediate commitment because of tight game schedules in Korea. "Personally, however, I favor his (Havelange) proposal and if Korea decided to accept the proposal, his association would invite all AFC members, including China." The Asian football body (AFC) will call an executive council meeting to discuss the matter of selecting a new venue for the tournament. [Text] [Seoul HAPTONG in English 0258 CMT 6 Sep 79 SK]

S. KOREA/FOREIGN TRADE

BRIEFS

NIC CONSULTATIVE BODY--Seoul, 3 Sep (HAPTONG)—In an effort to effectively cope with industrialized nations' growing protectionism and resources problems, ten new industrializing countries (NIC) including South Korea have been studying the establishment of an NIC consultative body, it was reported here today. According to the report, the Korean Government is contacting Singapore to top the possibility of creating the proposed body. A diplomatic source here also disclosed that the new industrializing countries have already exchanged their views on the matter. Included in the NIC bloc are South Korea, Singapore, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Brazil, Mexico, Portugal, Spain, Greece and Yugoslavia. The source said that further discussions for the creation of the body would be conducted through exchange of visits of NIC leaders and working-level officials. [Text] [Seoul HAPTONG in English 0828 GMT 3 Sep 79 SK]

OIL SUPPLY FROM MIDEAST--Seoul, 4 Sep (HAPTONG) -- Korea has received favorable responses from Saudi Arabia and Kuwait and other Middle East oil-producing countries to its request for increased supply of crude oil, a diplomatic source said today. The source said those countries have pledged positive cooperation in Korea's oil stockpile program currently under preparation. Foreign Minister Pak Tong-chin's tour to the Middle East planned in September is expected to provide an opportunity to discuss in detail the quantity of oil his country could directly import from there, it said. The government's initial stockpile program calls for storing of crude oil of 25 days requirement by 1980 and for 60 days requirement by 1984. [Text] [Seoul HAPTONG in English 0122 GMT 4 Sep 79 SK]

N. KOREA/ECONOMY

BRIEFS

SILKWORM RAISING--Pyongyang, 17 Aug--Quantities of cocoons are produced in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. The rural villages of South Pyongan Province produced as of the end of July 1.8 times as much cocoons as in the corresponding period last year. Notably, the cooperative farms of Taean City and Songchon County turned out 2.5 times as much cocoons. The soil and climate of our country are very favourable for cultivating mulberry trees, oak, castor-bean and other plants to feed silkworms and for silkworm raising. By the end of the previous seven-year plan, our country had secured over 100,000 hectares of mulberry fields and more than 140,000 hectares of oak forests, which constituted reliable production bases of silkworn feed. Our country had only thousands of hectares of mulberry fields right after the liberation. The cocoon output increased 2.2 times during the Six-Year Plan period (1971-1976). The Pyongyang and other silk-reeling mills supply silk yarn to the combined silk shop of the Pyongyang textile combine, the Nyongbyon silk mill and other silk mills to produce high-quality silk fabrics. Silk is one of the popular exports of Korea. [Pyongyang KCNA in English 1522 CMT 17 Aug 79 SK]

N. KOREA/SOCIAL CONDITIONS

SEMINAR HELD IN PYONCYANG ON EDUCATION THESES

Pyongyang KCNA in English 0802 GMT 6 Sep 79 SK

[Text] Pyongyang, 6 Sep (KCNA)--A scientific seminar marking the second anniversary of the publication of "Theses on Socialist Education," an immortal classic work of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song, was held in Pyongyang on September 4.

Placed on the platform was a portrait of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song.

The seminar was attended by college and university teachers and researchers.

Published at the seminar were scientific papers including "'Theses on Socialist Education' Is a Sum-Total of the Chuche-Based Educational Idea of the Respected and Beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il-song and Historic Experience Gained in the Course of Its Embodiment and a Great Programme Illumining the Road of Socialist and Communist Educational Construction" and "The Fundamental Principle of Socialist Pedagogy Expounded by the Great Leader Comrade Kim Il-song Is a Guiding Principle Indicating Basic Orientation of Socialist and Communist Educational Construction," which explained the content and method of socialist education, socialist educational system in our country and theory on party guidance, state guarantee and social support to education explicated [words indistinct].

Speakers argued on a rich theoretical and practical basis the greatness, originality, correctness and vitality of the education theses based on the immortal chuche idea and explained the great significance of the work.

They said that the fundamental principle of socialist pedagogy put forward by the great leader Comrade Kim II-song explicates the general law governing educational course for bringing up people into communist revolutionaries possessed of independence and creativeness, the content and method of socialist education, and duties and activities of educational institutions and educational workers.

With the elucidation of the fundamental principle of socialist pedagogy the party and state of the working class came to have a guiding principle to be held fast to in education and convert the pedagogy of the working class into a genuine revolutionary and scientific theory, they said.

The speakers stressed: "Theses on Socialist Education" is an encyclopedic educational book scientifically lighting the way to revolutionis: and working-classize people and train and educate them into comprehensively developed communist men prepared mentally, morally and physically; it is a monumental document which has performed an imperishable contribution to the development of the revolutionary theory of the working class on the building of socialism and communism.

N. KOREA/MEDIA AND THE ARTS

'KCNA' CITES MOSCOW RADIO ON DPRK BOOK EXHIBIT IN USSR

Pyongyang KCNA in English 0344 GMT 27 Aug 79 SK

[Text] Pyongyang, 27 Aug (KCNA)--Radio Moscow August 23 reported about the closure of the ten days of DPRK books in the Soviet Union.

The radio said:

The ten days of books of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea marking the 34th anniversary of the liberation of Korea from the Japanese imperialist yoke closed in the Soviet Union. In this period, exhibitions of books and illustrations of the fraternal country, readers' meetings and other functions were held in Moscow, Khabarovsk and other cities of the Soviet Union.

A reporter of Radio Moscow visited "Druzhba" bookstore in Moscow which expanded remarkably the sale of books of People's Korea.

The bookstore is situated in Gorki Street in the central district of Moscow. Books brought out by publishing houses of socialist countries are on sale there. These days the Korean books room drew far more customers than usual. Flags of the Soviet Union and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea were hanging on a wall of the room. The book shelves were beautifully decorated.

The chief of the Korean book section said: The Korean book exhibition drew deep interest of Moscow citizens and guests in the capital. Over 150 kinds of books were displayed. Among them were socio-political books, literary and art works by contemporary Korean writers, dictionaries, reference books and juvenile books. Picture albums with beautiful illustrations showing historic relics, renowned spots of various cities and special products of the DPRK attracted keen interest of art lovers.

We met students studying Korean language, artists showing interest in Korean paintings and sculptures and scholars studying the Korean affairs among book buyers.

We asked a book buyer, who is a research worker at the Oriental Institute of the Academy of Sciences of the Soviet Union, to tell about the book exhibition.

"I have seen the Korean books displayed at the exhibition with deep interest," he said, and went on: "I often come to this bookstore. Today I bought General History of Korea and Korean Archaeological Synopsis here. These books will help me study Korean history, of course."

It should be noted that the "Druzhba" bookstore is not the only place where Soviet readers and specialists get familiar with Korean books. For instance, over ten million copies of Korean books of some 220 kinds have been published in the Soviet Union since 1946. Some 184 Korean proses, poems and dramas have been published in 21 Soviet national languages.

The holding of the ten days of Korean books in the Soviet Union helped the Soviet working people broaden their knowledge of fraternal Korea and strengthen the friendly relations between the Soviet and Korean peoples.

N. KOREA/MEDIA AND THE ARTS

BRIEFS

KIMILSONGISM JOURNAL IN JAPAN--Pyongyang, 13 Aug--The "Editing Committee for the Study of Kimilsongism" in Japan recently brought out journal STUDY OF KIMILSONGISM No. 10, according to a report. Printed in the journal are "On the Second Seven-Year Plan for the Development of the National Economy of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (1978-1984)" and "Let Us Step Up Socialist Construction by Effective Financial Management," immortal classic works of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song. The journal carries reminiscences "His Utmost Love for the The journal runs documents of the international seminar on People." the chuche idea held in India in April this year, detailed accounts of the seminar and a report of an attendant of the international seminar on the chuche idea published at a meeting celebrating the first anniversary of the founding of the International Institute of the Chuche Idea. Carried in it are photographs of the international seminar on the chuche idea held in India. It also carries four study reports published at meetings for the study of the chuche idea held in many local areas of Japan this year. [Text] [Pyongyang KCNA in English 1000 GMT 13 Aug 79 SK)

N. KOREA/KOREANS IN JAPAN

BRIEFS

CHONGNYON INSURANCE GROUP--Pyongyang, 3 Sep (KCNA)--The Administration Council arranged a banquet at the Peoples Palace of Culture on the evening of September 2 in honour of the delegation of the Kumgang Insurance Company Ltd. under the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan (Chongnyon). Invited to the banquet were the members of the delegation headed by Chong Tae-sam, director of the company. Present there were Vice-Premier Chong Chun-ki and personages concerned. The banquet was addressed by Paek Myong-non and Chong Tae-sam. The attendants of the banquet drank a toast to the good health and long life of the great leader of our people Comrade Kim Il-song. [Text] [Pyongyang KCNA in English 0344 GMT 3 Sep 79 SK]

N. KOREA/FOREIGN RELATIONS

PYONGYANG MEETING WELCOMES NEW ZEALAND FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Pyongyang KCNA in English 0340 GMT 7 Sep 79 SK

[Text] Pyongyang, 7 Sep (KCNA)—A meeting welcoming the delegation of the New Zealand-The Democratic People's Republic of Korea Association headed by William Edward Willmot, chairman of its national committee, was held here on September 6.

Speaking at the meeting, Chang Se-kuk said that the New Zealand-The Democratic People's Republic of Korea Association denounced the "two Koreas" plot and new war provocation manoeuvres of the U.S. imperialists and the South Korean puppets and carried on an active solidarity movement in support of the struggle of our people for the reunification of the country.

Noting that during its stay in our country the delegation highly appreciated the successes made by our people in building socialism and carrying out the Second Seven-Year Plan under the wise guidance of the great leader, he expressed deep thanks to the association and the people of New Zealand for their invariable, active support to the just cause of our people.

In his speech William Edward Willmot said that all the progresses made by the Korean people, especially their successes in brilliantly flowering popular culture, technical revolution and education are unthinkable apart from the chuche idea founded by the leader of the Korean people President Kim Il-song.

Pointing out that the members of the association are widely conducting a signature campaign in support of the fair and realistic proposals for the peaceful reunification of the country put forward by the leader of the Korean people President Kim Il-song, he said: We will continue to extensively propagate the three principles and five-point policy of national reunification.

We will actively support in every way the struggle of the Korean people for national reunification.

N. KOREA/POREIGN RELATIONS

DAILIES OBSERVE ANNIVERSARY OF DPRK, NIGER RELATIONS

Pyongyang KCNA in English 1550 GMT 6 Sep 79 SK

[Text] Pyongyang, 6 Sep (KCNA)--Dailies here today dedicate articles to the fifth anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Niger.

In a signed article headlined "5th Anniversary of Establishment of Diplomatic Relations Between Korea and Niger" NODONG SINHUN says:

The establishment of diplomatic relations between Korea and Niger on September 6, 1974, marked a new occasion in deepening understanding and furthering friendly and cooperative relations between the two peoples.

It goes on:

Since the opening of diplomatic relations the friendship and cooperation between the two peoples have developed in the common struggle against imperialism and colonialism and for the building of a new prosperous life.

The development of the friendly relations between Korea and Niger, member states of the non-aligned movement, is in accord with the interests of the two peoples and contributes to the development and strengthening of the non-aligned movement.

Pointing to the successes registered by the friendly Niger people in the struggle for consolidating national independence and building a new life, the article continues:

Our people congratulate the Niger people on their successes in the building of a new life.

The Korean people believe that the friendly and cooperative relations between the two countries will further develop in conformity with their common interests and the idea of the non-aligned movement in the future, too.

An article of MINJU CHOSON headlined "On the Friendship Between Korea and Niger" says: The Korean people who value the friendship with the Niger people wish them new successes in their struggle for the independent development and prosperity of the country.

N. KOREA/FOREIGN RELATIONS

POLISH PARTY, STATE LEADERS REPLY TO GREETINGS MESSAGES

Message to Kim Il-song

Pyongyang KCNA in English 0330 GMT 7 Sep 79 SK

[Text] Pyongyang, 7 Sep (KCNA)—The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, received a message from the party and state leaders of Poland in reply to his message of greetings sent on the occasion of the 35th anniversary of the resurrection of Poland.

The reply message reads:

Comrade Kim Il-song, general secretary of the Central Committee, Workers' Party of Korea, president, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Pyongyang

On behalf of the Central Committee of the Polish United Workers' Party, the State Council of the Polish People's Republic and the Polish people and on our own, we extend heartfelt thanks to the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, the government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Korean people and personally to you for your greetings and good wishes offered on the occasion of the 35th anniversary of the resurrection of Poland.

We are delighted by your high appraisal and recognition of the successes made by the Polish people in the building of a developed socialist society under the leadership of the Polish United Workers' Party.

We express our firm belief that the further development of the friendly and cooperative relations between the peoples of our two countries on the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism will contribute to the cause of peace and socialism in the world. We take this opportunity to wish you and the Korean people new success in socialist construction.

Edward Gierek, first secretary of the Central Committee, Polish United Workers' Party

Henryk Jablonski, president of the State Council, Polish People's Republic

Warsaw, August 25, 1979

Message to Yi Chong-ok

Pyongyang KCNA in English 0338 GMT 7 Sep 79 SK

[Text] Pyongyang, 7 Sep (KCNA)--Comrade Yi Chong-ok, premier of the Administration Council, received a message from Comrade Piotr Jaroszewicz, chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Polish People's Republic, in reply to his message of greetings sent on the occasion of the 35th anniversary of the resurrection of Poland.

The Polish chairman of the Council of Ministers reciprocated the belief that the friendly and cooperative relations between the two countries would continue to strengthen and wished the Korean people new success in socialist construction.

N. KOREA/FOREIGN RELATIONS

BRIEFS

TU, VOLLEYVALL DELEGATIONS--Pyongyang, 7 Aug--A trade union delegation of the Soviet Union headed by G. K. Albov, member of the Presidium of the All-Union Central Council of Trade Unions and chairman of the Central Committee of the Aviation Industry Workers Trade Union, arrived in Pyongyang on August 6 by air. The national women's volleyball team of the German Democratic Republic headed by Dieter Grund also arrived here yesterday by plane. [Text] [Pyongyang KCNA in English 0406 GMT 7 Aug 79 SK]

FOREIGN WEIGHTLIFTING TEAMS LEAVE--Pyongyang, 8 Aug-The Cuban, GDR and Bulgarian junior weightlifting teams which had participated in the junior friendship international weightlifting contests of socialist countries left Pyongyang on August 7 by air. Earlier, the Czechoslovak junior weightlifting team left here by plane. [Text] [Pyongyang KCNA in English 0339 GMT 8 Aug 79 SK]

SPORTS TEAM RETURNS—Pyongyang, 9 Aug-The sports team of our country which had participated in the Seventh Summer Spartakiad of the Peoples of the USSR returned home on August 8 by plane. Our weightlifter Han Kyong-si set a new world record by lifting 111 kilograms in the 52 kg division snatch at the weightlifting contests. [Text] [Pyongyang KCNA in English 0340 GMT 9 Aug 79 SK]

CHILDREN'S ART TROUPE--Pyongyang, 20 Aug--The Pyongyang school children's art troupe left Pyongyang on August 19 by special plane to visit Finland, Denmark and Norway. It was seen off at the airport by personages concerned and school children in the city. [Text] [Pyongyang KCNA in English 0332 GMT 20 Aug 79 SK]

KUWAITI TEAM--Pyongyang, 18 Aug--The Kuwaiti judo team which had been visiting our country since August 10 left here on August 17 by plane.
[Text] [Pyongyang KCNA in English 0334 GMT 18 Aug 79 SK]

BANGLADESH YOUTH DELEGATION--Pyongyang, 8 Aug--A Bangladesh youth delegation headed by Sheik Shakayot Hossain, personal assistant to the president of the People's Republic of Bangladesh in student affairs,

arrived in Pyongyang on August 7 by plane. [Text] [Pyongyang KCNA in English 0340 GMT 8 Aug 79 SK] Pyongyang—The Central Committee of the Socialist Working Youth League gave a reception on August 8 at the People's Palace of Culture in honor of the Bangladesh youth delegation headed by Sheik Shakayot Hossain, personal assistant to the president of the People's Republic of Bangladesh in student affairs. Present there were the members of the delegation, and Chi Chae-yong and other personages concerned. The reception was addressed by Kim Chang-yong and Sheik Shakayot Hossain. The attendants raised glasses to the friendship and solidarity between the peoples, youths and students of Korea and Bangladesh, to the good health and long life of the great leader of the Korean people Comrade Kim Il-song and to the good health and long life of His Excellency respected President Ziaur Rahman. [Text] [Pyongyang KCNA in English 0344 GMT 9 Aug 79 SK]

HISTORIANS DELEGATION RETURNS--Pyongyang, 14 Aug--The delegation of Korean historians headed by Kim Sok-hyong returned home on August 13 by plane after visiting the Soviet Union. [Text] [Pyongyang KCNA in English 0332 GMT 14 Aug 79 SK]

JAPANESE TU DELEGATION--Pyongyang, 21 Aug--Vice-Premier Chong Chun-ki on August 20 met the delegation of the liaison committee of the Kanto District Council of Trade Unions of Japan headed by Kansuke Ihara, chairman of the Chiba Prefectural Liaison Council of Trade Unions of Japan, and had a friendly talk with him. Present on the occasion was personage concerned Mun Pyong-nok. [Text] [Pyongyang KCNA in English 1032 GMT 21 Aug 79 SK] Pyongyang, 22 Aug--The delegation of the liaison committee of the Kanto District Council of Trade Unions of Japan headed by Kansuke Ihara, chairman of the Chiba Prefectural Liaison Council of Trade Unions of Japan, left Pyongyang on August 21 by air. During it stay in Korea the delegation visited a historic site of revolution and toured Pyongyang and local areas. It attended a meeting with trade union activists in Pyongyang on August [date indistinct]. [Text] [Pyongyang KCNA in English 0347 GMT 22 Aug 79 SK]

'NEUES DEUTSCHLAND' DELEGATION--Pyongyang, 21 Aug-A delegation of NEUES DEUTSCHLAND headed by Herbert Annas, section chief of NEUES DEUTSCHLAND, organ of the Central Committee of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany, arrived in Pyongyang on August 20 by plane. [Text] [Pyongyang KCNA in English 0834 GMT 21 Aug 79 SK]

FOREIGN VISITORS--Pyongyang, 22 Aug--A Romanian moviemen's delegation headed by Mircea Muresan, vice-chairman of the Romanian Moviemen's Association and producer, arrived in Pyongyang yesterday by air. The national women's volleyball team of the German Democratic Republic headed by Dieter Grund and the Kuwait handball selection left here yesterday by air after visiting our country. [Text] [Pyongyang KCNA in English 0404 GMT 22 Aug 79 SK]

GUYANA JOURNALISTS LEAVE--Pyongyang, 22 Aug--The delegation of journalist and information persons of Guyana headed by permanent secretary of the Ministry of Information of Guyana Gwen Parris left Pyongyang yesterday by air. During its stay in Korea the delegation visited a historic site of revolution and inspected educational and cultural organs and other places. Giving his impression, the head of the delegation said that the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song put up the slogan of self-reliance and has wisely led the whole party and the entire people to turn Korea into a developed socialist industrial state as it is today. The delegation was invited to a friendship meeting arranged by the Korea-Guyana Friendship Association. [Text] [Pyongyang KCNA in English 0406 GMT 22 Aug 79 SK]

RWANDA AIR SERVICE AGREEMENT--Pyongyang, 30 Aug--An agreement on air service between the government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the government of the Republic of Rwanda was signed on August 24 in Kigali, Rwanda, according to a report. It was signed on our side by the ambassador of our country to Rwanda and on the Rwandan side by the minister of foreign affairs and cooperation of Rwanda.

[Text] [Pyongyang KCNA in English 0342 GMT 30 Aug 79 SK]

MEETING WITH JAPANESE SCHOLARS--Pyongyang, 31 Aug--Vice-Premier Chong Chun-ki on August 30 met and had a friendly talk with the delegation of Japanese scholars headed by Takeo Miyagawa, professor at the Soka University. Personage concerned Kim U-chong was on hand. [Text] [Pyongyang KCNA in English 0350 GMT 31 Aug 79 SK]

ZANU DELEGATION--Pyongyang, 31 Aug--The delegation of the Zimbabwe African National Union headed by its vice-president, Simon Vengai Muzenda, appreciated the revolutionary opera "The Song of Kumgang-san Mountain" at the theatre of the Pyongyang Moranbong art troupe on August 30. Personages concerned Kim Kyong-yon and Kim Yong-sun and working people in the city saw the performance together with the guests. [Text] [Pyongyang KCNA in English 0341 GMT 31 Aug 79 SK] Pyongyang, 1 Sep--The delegation of the Zimbabwe African National Union [ZANU] headed by its vice-president, Simon Yengai [sic] Muzenda, left Pyongyang yesterday by plane. It was seen off at the airport by Kim Kyong-yon, Kim Yong-sun and other personages concerned. [Text] [Pyongyang KCNA in English 0805 GMT 1 Sep 79 SK]

GREETINGS TO TANZANIA--Pyongyang, 1 Sep (KCNA)--General O Chin-u, minister of people's armed forces, sent a message to Sheik Rashidi Mfaume Kawawa, minister of defence and national service of the United Republic of Tanzania, greeting the 15th anniversary of the founding of the People's Defence Army of Tanzania. General O Chin-u pointed out that over the past 15 years the People's Defence Army of Tanzania under the leadership of His Excellency President Julius K. Nyerere, has firmly backed the struggle of the Tanzanian people who have risen in the building of a new society holding high the banner of anti-imperialism and

independence, and sincerely wished his counterpart and officers and men of the People's Defence Army of Tanzania new success in their work for increasing the defence capacity of the country. [Text] [Pyongyang KCNA in English 1015 GMT 1 Sep 79 SK]

NEW INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR--Pyongyang, 6 Sep (KCNA)--The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song, president of the Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea, received credentials today from Vr. Djundrunan Kusumahardja, newly appointed ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary of the Republic of Indonesia to our country. The presentation ceremony was attended by Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs Yi Chong-mok and officials of the Indonesian Embassy in Pyongyang. After receiving the credentials the great leader Comrade Kim II-song had a conversation with the ambassador. [Text] [Pyongyang KCNA in English 1624 GMT 6 Sep 79 SK] Pyongyang, 6 Sep (KCNA) -- Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs Yi Chong-mok on September 5 met and had a friendly talk with R. Djundjunan [sic] Kusumahardja, newly appointed ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary of the Republic of Indonesia to our country, who paid a courtesy call on him. Present there were a personage concerned and Umar Hussein, charge d'affaires ad interim of the Indonesian Embassy in Pyongyang. [Text] [Pyongyang KCNA in English 0342 GMT 6 Sep 79 SK]

INTERPARLIAMENTARY UNION DELEGATION--Pyongyang, 7 Sep (KCNA)--A delegation of the parliamentary group of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea headed by Minister of Culture and Art Yi Chang-son, deputy to the Supreme People's Assembly, left Pyongyang yesterday by plane to attend the 66th general meeting of the Inter-Parliamentary Union to be held in Venezuela. The delegation was seen off at the airport by Kim Kwan-sop, Ho Chong-suk, Ho Paek-san and other personages concerned. [Text] [Pyongyang KCNA in English 0348 GMT 7 Sep 79 SK]

N. KOREA/FOREIGN TRADE

BRIEFS

ALBANIAN TRADE DELEGATION--Pyongyang, 5 Sep (KCNA)--A government trade delegation of Albania headed by Andrea Nako, vice-minister of finance of the People's Socialist Republic of Albania, arrived in Pyongyang on September 4 by plane. The delegation was met at the airport by personage concerned Han Su-kil and Miltiadh Bode, ambassador, and staff members, of the Albanian Embassy in Pyongyang. [Text] [Pyongyang KCNA in English 0339 GMT 5 Sep 79 SK]

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